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The settlement proposed for the Microsoft Anti-Trust case does little to prevent further transgressions. I find it laughable that one of the proposed

measures does not stipulate that the federal government itself cease use of products

manufactured by a convicted monopoly unless said monopoly is disbanded.

The government has in the past been able to effective disband a monopoly. Bell telephone and Standard Oil come to mind.

The primary recourse that I would like to see is that, at the very least, Microsoft be prevented from purchasing or maintaining a controlling interest in any other company for a period of 10 years. Force them to license or develop technology as many other companies, such as Apple Computer, now do. Make them stand on their own merits, rather than allow them to continue to conscript the work done by other innovators in technology.

Microsoft's tentacles reach well beyond the computer desktop. Many other enterprises are now being actively attacked by Microsoft, including video game consoles, internet service providers, and various forms of media delivery.

I fear that the only possible way to prevent further anti-trust activities is to revoke Microsoft's charter entirely, seize the company's assets and redistribute them to companies working in the individual sectors of technology that have been irrevocably harmed by the actions that Microsoft has taken. This is, after all, what we do to other convicted felons. Microsoft's debt to society must be paid somehow. The proposed settlement does not do enough.

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